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SUBJECT: JONGLEI CANAL PROJECT

REF: STATE 304997

PASS TO PARKER T. HART, BECHTEL CORP., FROM AMBASSADOR

1. THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER AND CABLE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ABDULLAHI MOHAMED IBRAHIM, COMMISSIONER FOR JONGLEI PROJECT, THAT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL IS RELATED TO HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES NEEDED FOR PROJECT. ENGINEERING SUPERVISION BEING HANDLED BY JOINT EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE COMMITTEE, AND FRENCH COMPANY ALMOST HAS CANAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WRAPPED UP. GOS HAS NO RPT NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS AS TO WHO SHOULD DESIGN OR CONSTRUCT HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES AND COMPETITION WILL BE GENUINE AND FAIR. IBRAHIM DID NOT SAY WHETHER ANY PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO COMPANIES ABLE TO BID ON CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS ENGINEERING DESIGN CONTRACT, BUT HE DID NOTE WITH INTEREST THAT BECHTEL HAD THIS CAPABILITY.

3. AS FOR DELAY IN DEADLINE, HE SAID DECISION WOULD BE UP TO HIS EGYPTIAN COUNTERPART, WHO CHAIRS JOINT JONGLEI COMMITTEE THIS YEAR. HE DOUBTED SUCH REQUEST WOULD BE REFUSED, ESPECIALLY SINCE OTHER POTENTIAL BIDDERS HAD ALSO SAID TIME ALLOWED TO PREPARE PROPOSAL WAS TOO SHORT. BECHTEL SHOULD MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO EITHER OF TWO OFFICES SPECIFIED IN GOS LETTER, SPECIFYING WHAT EXTENSION IS REQUIRED.

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4. CANNOT SAY FOR CERTAIN WHETHER BECHTEL IS "SIMPLY ANOTHER NAME ON THEIR LIST" OR MIGHT BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN ANY COMPETITION. WE DO THINK GOS--BECAUSE OF GOERZ/WHALEN VISIT, YOUR SUBMISSION OF DETAILED QUALIFICATION DATA, AND OUR OWN FAVORABLE COMMENTS--WILL TAKE ANY PROPOSALS YOU MAKE SERIOUSLY. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS WILL BE REACHED EFFECTIVELY CUTTING OUT COMPANIES LIKE BECHTEL. IN OUR VIEW, MOST LIKELY SCENARIO IS THAT KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA OR OTHER SOURCE WILL AGREE TO FINANCE PROJECT AS OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF INTER-ARAB COOPERATION AND THAT BANKROLLERS WILL INSIST ON USE OF BEST AVAILABLE TALENT IN BOTH DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION STAGES. BEING WELL KNOWN, BECHTEL SHOULD IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES BE FACED WITH NO SPECIAL PROBLEM IN COMPETITION WHICH IS, HOWEVER, LIKELY TO BE INTENSE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE.
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